



Sargent Permit Waterfowl Hunt Regulations *San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge*

A controlled hunt is available at the Sargent Permit Waterfowl Hunt Area with walk-in or boat access.

Reservations

To request a reservation, hunters may contact the refuge office by telephone beginning the first Monday of October. Calls are accepted from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday throughout the season. The telephone number is 979/849-6062.

This hunt is conducted on Saturday, Monday, and Wednesday during the regular duck season. There will be no hunt on Christmas Day.

One person serving as group leader can make reservations for a party of 2 to 4 hunters. Hunters can only make one reservation per season as group leader, but they can hunt with other group leaders as often as desired.

Group leaders may request a specific hunt location if it is still available. Six of the hunt locations can be reached more easily by boat from the Intracoastal Waterway. If a group leader has no preference, a hunt location will be assigned when the reservation is made.

Hunters may come for standby permit opportunities as often as they wish. We will attempt to put single hunters with other parties for safety reasons.

Check-In

Hunters must report to the Sargent Hunt Check Station 3½ miles south of Sargent, Texas, on Highway 457 1½ hours before legal shooting time. The check station will open 2 hours before shooting time.

Check-in and check-out is required for hunters, including boat access hunters.

A \$15.00 per person fee will be collected the morning of the hunt. The fee receipt will serve as the refuge permit. Hunters with Golden Age and Access Passports will receive a 50% discount on the hunt fee. A season pass for \$35.00 can be purchased the morning of the hunt. This pass may be used for additional permit hunts at Sargent and Big Pond during the 2003/2004 regular waterfowl season. Hunters 15 years of age and under may hunt free of charge.

No guests or observers will be allowed. Only hunters with permits are allowed in the blinds.

Hunt Regulations

Safety must be the first consideration of each hunter. Guns must remain unloaded to and from the blind area. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the hunt.

Hunters will be required to walk up to 1½ miles to the hunt area. The trails to hunt areas are well marked, but a good flashlight is essential. Mosquito spray and hip boots are recommended.

Hunters are required to stay within 100 feet of the assigned blind location unless retrieving downed waterfowl. Most hunt locations have hunt blinds.

All hunters must cease hunting at 11:00 a.m. and return to the hunt check station by 12:30 pm for completion of hunter questionnaires. Hunters may leave before that time if desired.

Hunters must pick up their empty shells and trash and carry it out with them. Birds may not be cleaned on the refuge.

Other Information

Decoys are not provided. The use of retriever dogs is encouraged but dogs must be controlled to avoid interference with other hunters. Because rattlesnakes are found with some frequency along the levee trails, dogs should remain on leash to and from the blind area.

Only ducks, geese, and coots may be hunted. All other wildlife, including poisonous snakes, is protected. If a snake is encountered, it should be left alone unless it is in your immediate hunting area or blind.

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